

## **Forestry Internet Seminars Focus on Ecology and Management**

The ecology and management of northeastern family forests underpin the value that forests contribute to owners, the community and the region. Internet seminars are offered the third Wednesday of each month at noon and again at 7:00 PM for approximately one hour. This spring the topics include:

- ◆ **“Ecology and Management of Emerald Ash Borer – Preparing for an Infestation”** by Jerry Carlson of NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. March 20<sup>th</sup>.
- ◆ **“Selecting Trees Landowners Can Cut versus Leave for Forest Improvement”** by Peter Smallidge, Cornell University Cooperative Extension. April 16<sup>th</sup>.
- ◆ **“An Introduction to the Ecology and Identification of Common Northeastern Conifers”** by Peter Smallidge, Cornell University Cooperative Extension. May 21<sup>st</sup>.

The ForestConnect Internet Seminar Series is an interactive web conference and was the first of its kind in the US. Each seminar uses the Internet to distribute, or webcast, a live and interactive presentation. Since May 2007, web-based seminars have connected forest owners, managers, and practitioners from throughout the United States and overseas. More than 600 owners and managers from 40 states and three countries are registered and receiving announcements for the monthly webcasts.

Seminars occur on the third Wednesday of each month. Each webcast is provided live, twice. The initial broadcast each month is from noon to 1:00 PM with a repeat live broadcast the same day from 7:00 to 8:00 PM, Eastern Time. Participation is as easy as a high-speed internet connection via a web browser. Participants will connect to a secure Cornell Cooperative Extension server to join the presentation. Participants must pre-register once, without charge, at [www.ForestConnect.info](http://www.ForestConnect.info). Email notification of internet URL details will be sent to everyone registered.